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Volunteers Wanted: Skykomish State Airport Work Party

On Saturday, June 4 the Washington Pilots Association (WPA), Paine Field Chapter, is hosting a work party at Skykomish State Airport. During the past month volunteers have improved approaches at the state-operated airport by clearing trees. More volunteers are needed this Saturday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to help chip tree limbs, clear debris, and fill low spots in the runway and taxi areas with topsoil. Ten yards of topsoil, a front-end loader and two chippers will be on site. Volunteers are welcome to fly into Skykomish, as its runway has been open for several weeks. If you plan to join in on the fun, please bring gloves, hearing protection, rakes, and shovels. For more details, please contact Jim Scott, WSDOT Aviation State Airports Maintenance Supervisor, at (360) 651-6313. More information about Skykomish and other state-operated airports is available at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/aviation/airports/default.htm.



WSDOT Aviation Hires Eric Johnson Full-Time as a Construction Manager

We are pleased to announce the full time appointment of Eric Johnson as WSDOT Aviation's Construction Project Manager. During the past year Eric worked as a temporary employee assisting WSDOT Aviation Manager of Operations, Stan Allison, with administration of the Local Airport Aid Grant Program. He is responsible for launching WSDOT Aviation's new Runway Safety Grant Program with the FAA, which has been a tremendous success thus far. Eric was the former airport manager at the Port of Anacortes and is very experienced in managing FAA grants and engineering consultants on major airport construction projects. According to Stan Allison, "Eric has been a tremendous asset to our small family here at Aviation. He has a terrific personality and is highly organized – which are very important

skills when it comes to working with airport sponsors on their grants and construction projects. We're lucky to have him"

City of Lakewood Approves Plan for Seaplanes

On Monday night, June 6, 2005, the Lakewood City Council voted 5-2 to formally approve the Master Site Plan for American Lake Park. The final park plan provides for:

- A dedicated docking area for seaplanes.
- A refurbished boat launch to enable haul-out of seaplanes.
- New restrooms and picnic areas.
- Land storage in the upslope parking lot for nine months out of the year.

It also continues to allow the lake to be used as a landing area for seaplane operations. WSDOT Aviation has participated throughout the entire planning process and is extremely encouraged that the city is continuing to accommodate seaplane operations at American Lake. Capital improvements to the dock and boat launch areas are scheduled in the first phase. WSDOT Aviation expects the city to submit a Local Airport Aid Grant application during our next round of grants.

King County Supports WSDOT Search and Rescue

WSDOT Aviation Emergency Services Coordinator, Tom Peterson, recently attended an open house at the King County Sheriff's Office - Aviation Services Unit (ASU). The ASU is located in the original WSDOT Aviation office on Boeing Field in Seattle. At the event, King County announced its new regional air response program and showcased the helicopters used by the Sheriff's office to support many missions. WSDOT Aviation regularly receives support from King County's helicopters during search and rescue missions.



Many law enforcement and civic leaders from around the county were present to enjoy familiarization flights and a barbecue lunch. The county's helicopter inventory includes one Bell 206 Jet Ranger, three Bell O-58 Kiowas, one Bell UH-1 Huey, and soon, one Bell 210 Super Huey. The Super Huey is one of the helicopters that WSDOT Aviation used to operate. It will be put back into service with the Sheriff's office after a complete rebuilding and recertification by the Bell Helicopter factory.